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Application Serial No. 10/813,538
Reply to office action of January 10, 2007

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In re Application: Daisaku Haoto et al] GRP ART UNIT: 1775
Serial No: 10/813,538] Ex.: SPEER, TIMOTHY M
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Loren K. Thompson, Ph.D.**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment
The Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 10, 2007, setting a 1-month shortened statutory period for a reply ending on February 10, 2007, along with the concurrently submitted two-month extension request to extend the period for a reply to April 10, 2007, the Applicant submits the following response in the above-identified application. This response is considered to place the application in better condition for allowance.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any requisite fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 12-0400 required with filing this amendment including the fee (\$450 - large entity status) for extending this statutory response period by two additional months.

Attached are three affidavits under 37 CFR §1.132 from Daisaku Haoto, Kenji Tanaka, and Miroru Komada in which each asserts that the invention claimed in the present Application No. 10/813,538 was disclosed, but not claimed, in Application No. 10/755,931 was derived by Daisaku Haoto and by Kenji Tanaka, and not by any other person.

Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicit an indication of allowable subject matter. This response is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the office action. Should the examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 30, 2007



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